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THE FINAL ACT OF THE *BATMAN: THE LONG HALLOWEEN* EPIC

BATMAN THE LONG HALLOWEEN THE LAST HALLOWEEN

**AN ALL-NEW
10-ISSUE
MYSTERY
CELEBRATING
THE LEGACY OF
TIM SALE**

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RICHARD STARKINGS**



Starting in
SEPTEMBER

THE MYSTIC RIVER.
NOW.

Jay

Spectacular views.



Jon

It's gonna be your
view pretty soon
too, I hear.



Jay

I'm lowkey surprised
you're not in the sky,
coming to pick me
up yourself.



Jon

The Amazons are
telling me to take
it easy.



WE
NEED YOU
FOR ONE FINAL
EXAMINATION,
JON.



BATMAN
BLASTED
ALL THE EVIL
BRAINIAC
QUEEN
TECH OUT
OF ME,
LO.

A LITTLE
SUNSHINE, SOME
REST...AND I'M
GETTING BACK
OUT THERE TO
STOP WALLER
ONCE AND FOR
ALL.

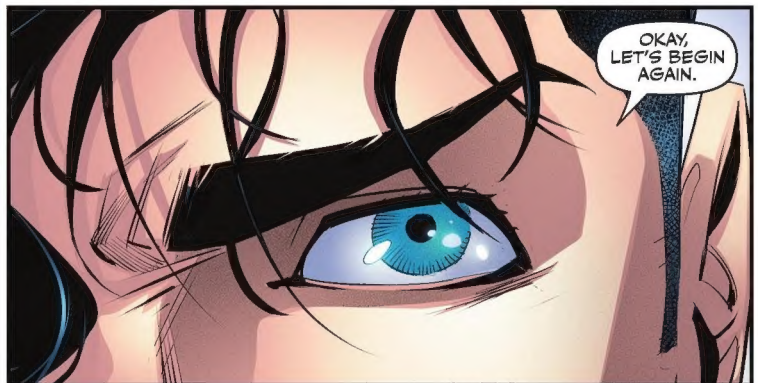
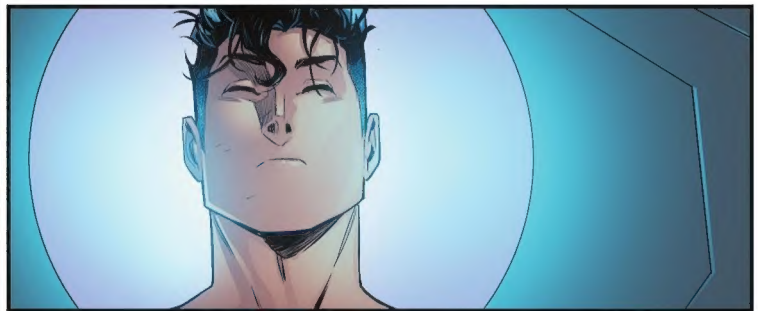


EVIL IS A
CANCER, AND
ITS REACH
IS VAST.

BRAINIAC QUEEN'S
CONTROL OVER YOU IS
LIKE A SICKNESS--CLINGING
TO YOUR MIND, BODY,
AND SOUL..



BATMAN'S
TREATMENT
MERELY REMOVED
THE TUMOR...





"IT'S A JUMBLE...BUT
I'M REMEMBERING."



"I'M GETTING
A SENSE OF WHAT
WAS ME, AND WHAT
WAS BRAINIAC
QUEEN."



WHAT WAS
REAL...



"...AND WHAT
WASN'T."



JON, GET
IN, WE'RE
GONNA BE
LATE.

YEAH.

YOUR
CHARIOT
AWAITS.



DREAMER?

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

DOES IT EVEN MATTER? IT'S A *STRETCH* LIMO.

MROW

GOLDIE?!

BUT-- YOU'RE DEAD.

POOR THING...

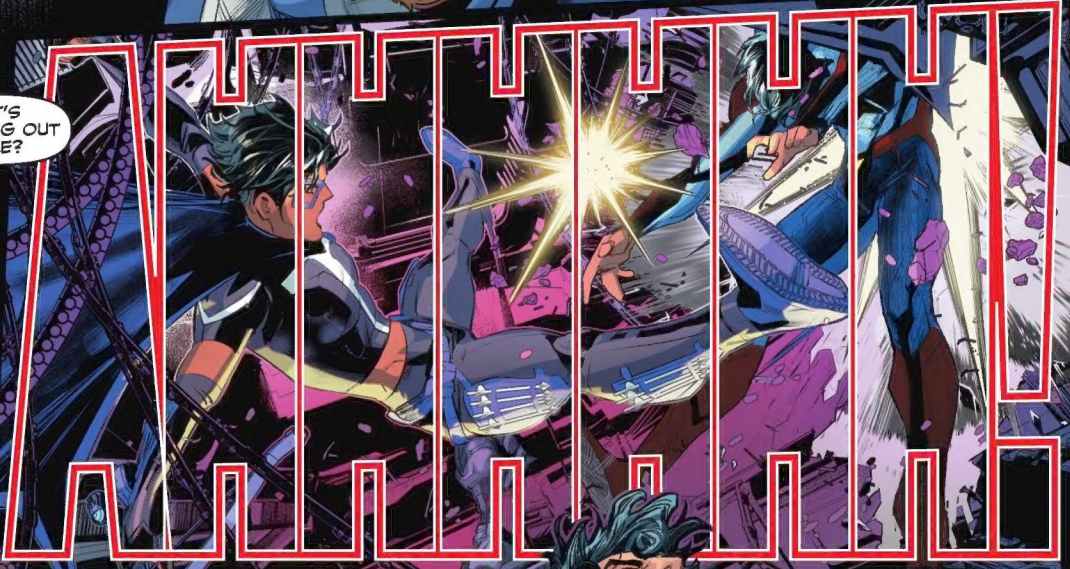
...I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN SO LONG...NOT SINCE...

WAIT, I HAVEN'T FED YOU ALL THESE YEARS.

OR CLEANED YOUR LITTER BOX...

HUH.

WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?



DID YOU SEE THAT STRANGE SCENE OUTSIDE, NIA? LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A--

DON'T FOCUS ON THAT-- YOU'RE ALWAYS SO STRESSED!

ALWAYS FOCUS ON THE DETAILS.

NIA. WHERE ARE WE GOING?!

SAN FRANCISCO. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SURPRISE. YOU'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF LIVING THERE.

BUT I JUST INFILTRATED THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE.

THAT WASN'T YOU YOU, Y'KNOW?

WE SHOULD FEED GOLDIE.

YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THIS, JON. THIS IS DAY-ONE NONSENSE--
WAKE UP.

YOU SHOULD BE DRIVING THE-- NONE OF THIS MAKES SENSE.

THAT WAS ME--

--I WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE MY FRIENDS TO WALLER... AND JAY...

JAY!

 "I'M STARTING TO PARSE OUT MOMENTS LIKE THESE FROM ACTUAL MEMORIES. WHAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING IN A DREAM..."

 "...AND LIVING IN
A NIGHTMARE."



AMANDA WALLER HAS WON. A PLANETWIDE BLITZKRIEG HAS ROBBED THE WORLD'S METAHUMANS OF THEIR SUPERPOWERS AND RESOURCES. THOSE FEW WHO HAVE THUS FAR EVADED CAPTURE ARE FUGITIVES ON THE RUN, HUNTED MERCILESSLY BY TASK FORCE VII-A REGIMENT OF UNSTOPPABLE AMAZONS BUILT BY WALLER'S ALLIES, FAILSAFE AND THE BRAINIAC QUEEN- AND, UNTIL TODAY, HER PUPPET, JONATHAN KENT.

**ABSOLUTE
POWER**

SUPERMAN **SON OF KAL-EL** **in DREAMS SO REAL**

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"EVEN UNDER BRAINIAC
QUEEN'S CONTROL, I'M RIGHT
UNDER THE SURFACE."

THEN.

"IN THE DREAM, I FELT
LIKE EVERYTHING AROUND
ME WAS A BUNCH OF
PROPS. THE THINGS THAT
HAPPENED WHILE BRAINIAC
QUEEN HAD CONTROL
OVER ME?"

"I WAS
THE PROP."



"WATCHING MY BODY
DO THINGS I DIDN'T
TELL IT TO DO."



I DON'T
THINK THAT
BOUGHT US
MORE THAN A
MINUTE, AGENT
BERLINER.

YOU ASKED
FOR A HOOKUP
TO GET OUT OF
DODGE...

...YOU DIDN'T
MENTION ANYTHING
ABOUT SUPERMAN
BEING ON YOUR
TAIL!

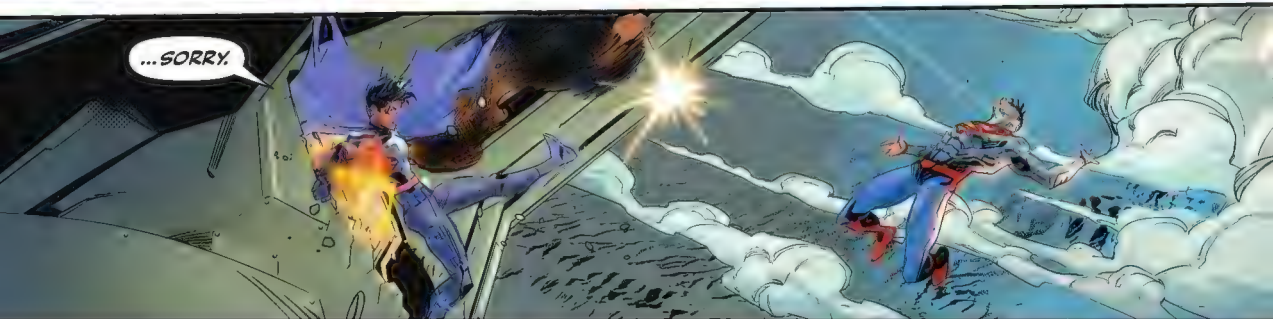
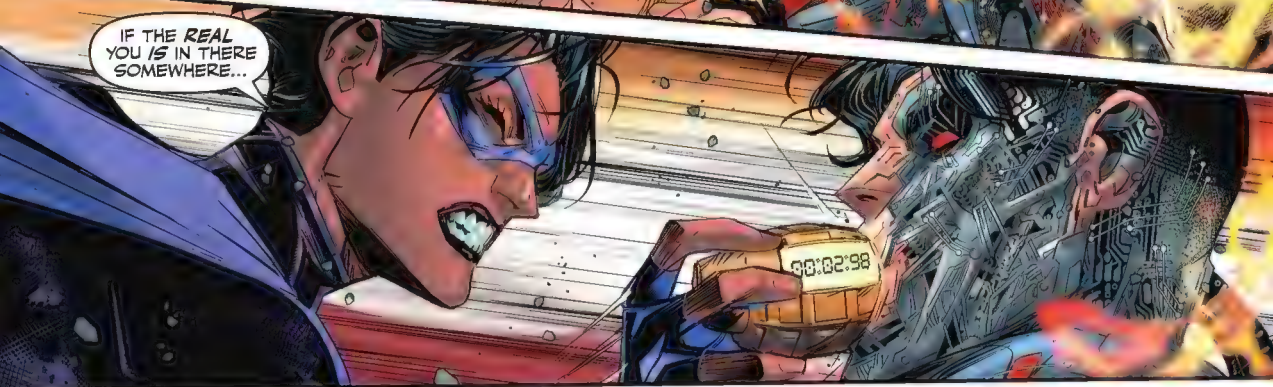
I DON'T
WANNA DIE ON THIS
PLANE JUST CUZ YOU
STILL HAVE FRIENDS
FROM YOUR
SPYRAL DAYS,
HUNTRESS!

RELAX. EVEN
WITH HIS MIND TAKEN
OVER BY BRAINIAC
QUEEN, HE'S OUT TO
CAPTURE, NOT
KILL--

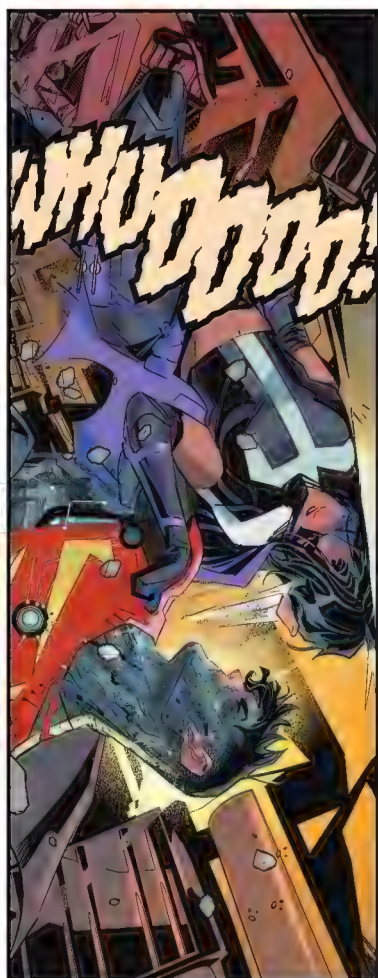
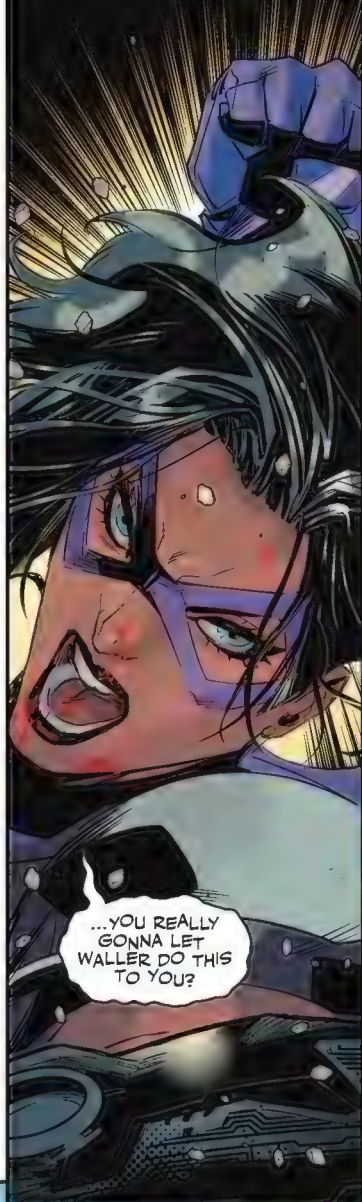
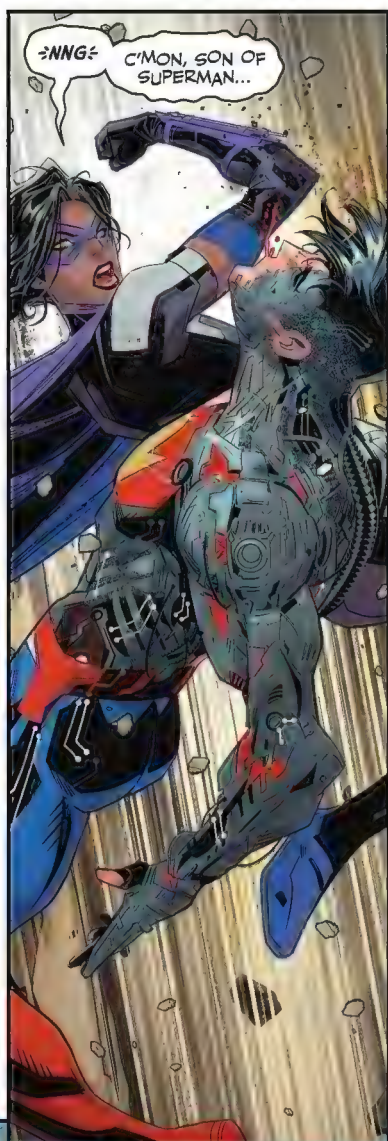
--I
THINK.

PRRAAANNNG!

 "WALLER WAS SENDING 'ME' OUT TO CORRAL THE LAST HEROES IN HIDING."







"AT LEAST
THIS VERSION
OF ME DIDN'T
KILL ANYONE."

GAMORRA.

WALLER'S BASE OF OPERATIONS.

NOW YOU'RE
CATCHING ONES
WITHOUT
POWERS?

A BAT-FAMILY
MEMBER BEFORE
MY SECOND COFFEE
IS A WIN.

YOU'RE
HITTING SOME
KIND OF
RECORD...

...GOOD.

PUT
HUNTRESS IN
WITH THE
METAHUMANS.

SEND THE
PILOT TO A LOWER-
SECURITY PRISON.
HE'LL BE TRIED
FOR AIDING AND
ABETTING.

CHECK IN
WITH BRAINIAC
QUEEN.

WE NEED TO
MAKE SURE THERE ARE
NO HICCUPS IN YOUR
OPERATING SYSTEM,
ESPECIALLY
GIVEN...

HMPH.

...DREAMER'S
DEATH SO EARLY
IN MY PLANS.

YOU MIGHT DO
THE JOB, BUT THAT
GIRL WAS A DAMN
BLOODHOUND.

PERHAPS IT
WAS A BLESSING
IN DISGUISE.

WHAT GOOD
IS A PRECOG WHO
CAN'T EVEN FORESEE
HER OWN DEATH?

SHE
F%\$#@
ME GOOD,
THOUGH.

NOW I'M
STUCK WITH HER
FAMILY AS HOSTAGES
I HAVE TO KEEP
FED.

PEACEKEEPER,
WHAT'S YOUR
STATUS?



SO THIS PART
WAS REAL.

HUNTING DOWN VIXEN
AND DROPPING HER WITH
WALLER LIKE I WAS
DELIVERING TAKEOUT.

THIS WASN'T
A DREAM.

THIS WAS
REAL, TOO.

AND SO
WAS THIS.

NOW.

**THAT'S
ENOUGH!**



JON!

I'M ALL
BETTER, ARETO.
I PROMISE.



YOU
MUST
SIT!



THE PIECES
ARE STARTING TO
COME TOGETHER,
IS ALL.

A TINY BIT
JUMBLED IN MY
HEAD, BUT I'M
REMEMBERING
WHAT HAPPENED
NEXT--



--AND
I NEED A
MINUTE TO
PROCESS,
OKAY?



Jay

The Amazons finished
their BQ deep cleanse tho?

I'M FINE.
I PROMISE.

Jon
Yep.

Jon

...just about

LATER. AMAZONIAN TREATMENT SESSION BETA-TWO...

WHAT THE
HECK--

--I
NEED TO GET
BACK TO THE
LIMO FOR...THE
THING.

THESE
CRITTERS
ARE TYPICALLY
NOT THE KIND TO
ATTACK ON LAND,
THOUGH.

YOU'RE
EITHER BEING
PROVOKED BY
SOMEBODY,
OR--

--WAIT.

I'M
HEARING
LOW SONIC
VIBRATIONS
COMING
FROM...

...THERE.



OH
%\$#*!

DRUMMER
BOY,
RIGHT?

YOU'RE TYPICALLY
KNOWN FOR ROBIN HOOD
CRIMES, WHY MIND-CONTROL
A MONSTER TO DESTROY
A PIER?!



THE DEVELOPERS THAT OWN
THIS PLACE ARE ALSO TRYING TO
TEAR DOWN AN LGBT TESTING
CENTER TO BUILD MIXED-USE
CONDOS!

IF I BLEED THEIR
COFFERS DESTROYING THEIR
MONEYMAKING VENTURES, THAT
BUYS THE CENTER YEARS TO
RAISE FUNDS AND FIND A
NEW SPACE.



THAT'S SO
COMPLICATED AND
DESTRUCTIVE--
ARE YOU KIDDING
ME?!

HERE,
COME WITH
ME.

MY BOYFRIEND
CAN TEACH YOU HOW
TO PETITION AND USE
CIVIC SERVICES
AGAINST BOGUS
DEVELOPMENTS.



HEY,
JON!



WE'RE SO
PROUD OF
YOU, SON.



DID
YOU SEE
THAT?

SEE
WHAT?



MY PARENTS,
THEY LOOKED
KIND OF LIKE--

THE BEST
PARTS OF
YOU? OR...

...THE
BEST PARTS
OF ME?

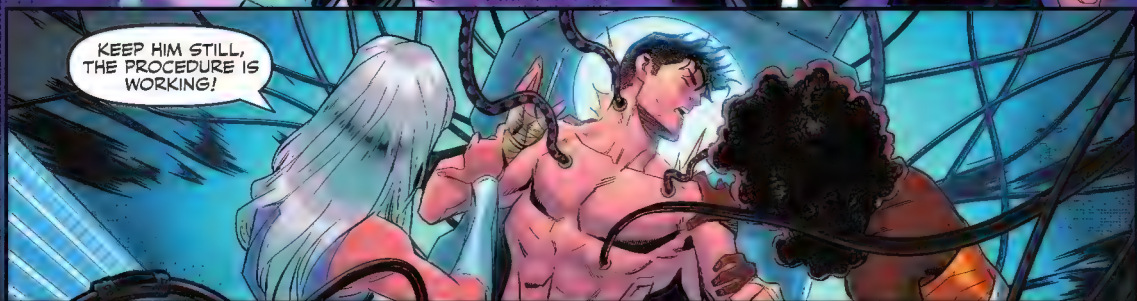


X-THWACK!



I
KNEW
IT!

BRAINIAC
QUEEN'S LODGED
HERSELF SO DEEP,
SHE'S HIDDEN
SAFEGUARDS WITHIN HIS
SUBCONSCIOUS!



KEEP HIM STILL,
THE PROCEDURE IS
WORKING!



RESTRAINING
A HALF-KRYPTONIAN IS
PROVING A CHALLENGE,
ASCLEPIA!



THEN
SUMMON
MORE OF OUR
SISTERS...

"...THE SON OF SUPERMAN NEEDS
AS MUCH AID FIGHTING THIS
BRAINIAC QUEEN AS HE CAN GET."

SHOULDN'T
WE BE
HELPING?

RELAX,
NIA...

...THIS IS THE
STUFF HE LOVES
TAKING CARE OF.

Y'KNOW,
ETHICALLY
SAVING THE
DAY!

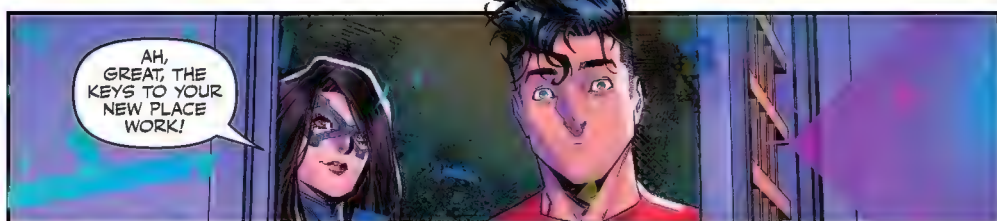
THEN
HANDLING THE
WEIRD, COMPLICATED
ADD-ON BADDIE.

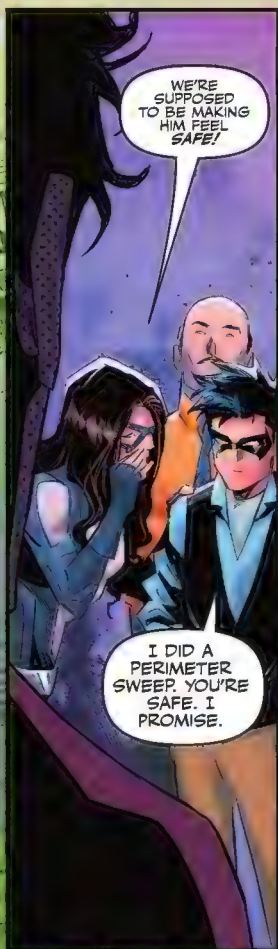
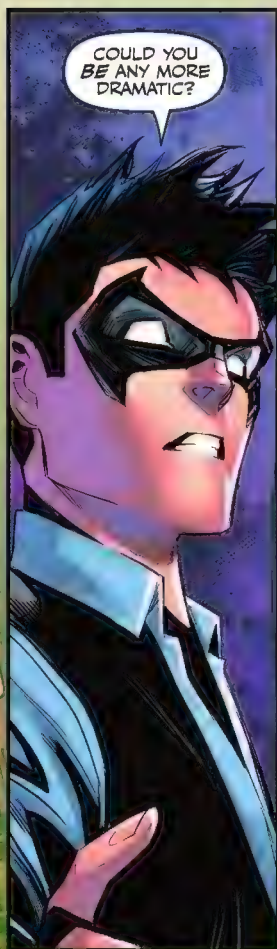
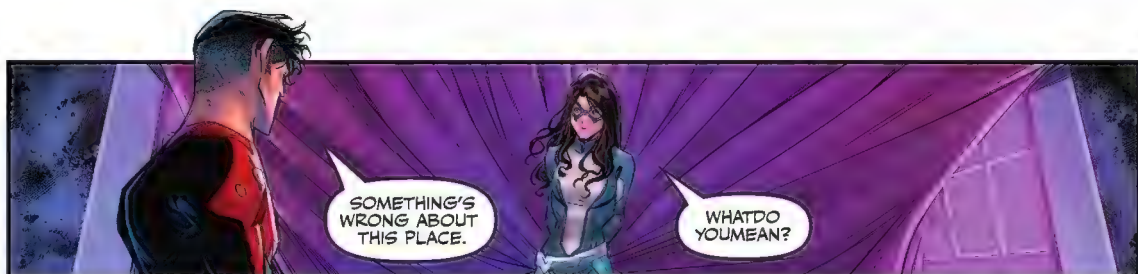
THAT WAY
HE CAN GET ALL
THE CREDIT FOR
HIMSELF.

YOU REALLY
THINK THAT ABOUT
HIM, GALAXY?

SURE
I DO.









THAT WAS THEN--
BREATHE!

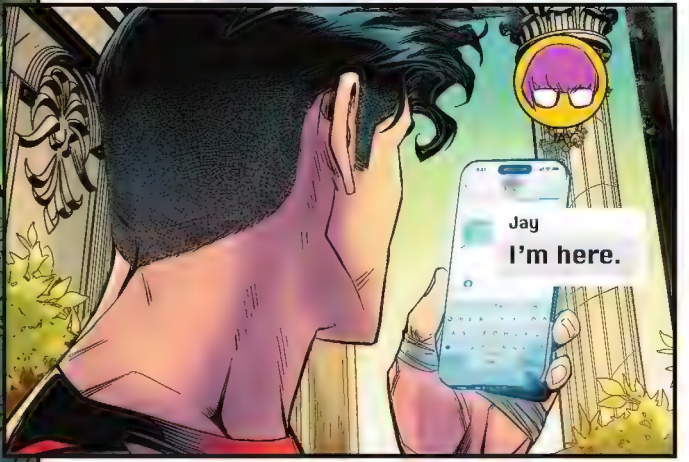
BRAINIAC
QUEEN IS OUT
OF YOUR HEAD...
SHE'S GONE.



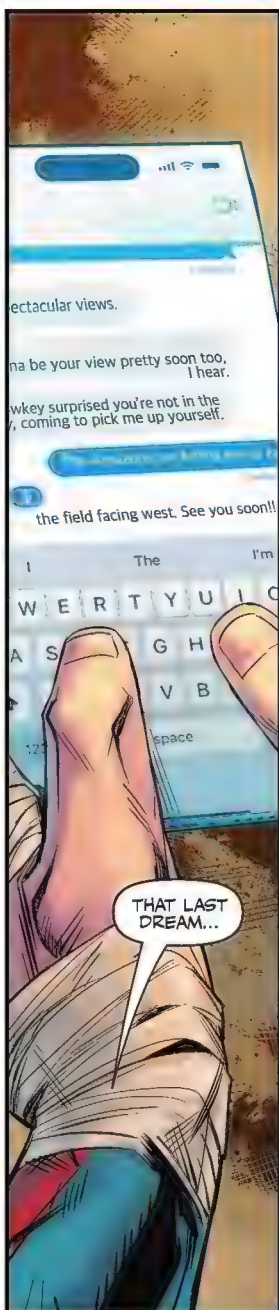
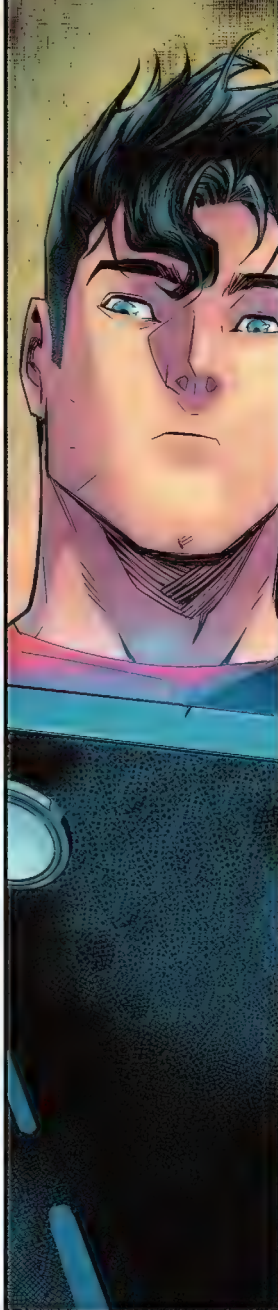
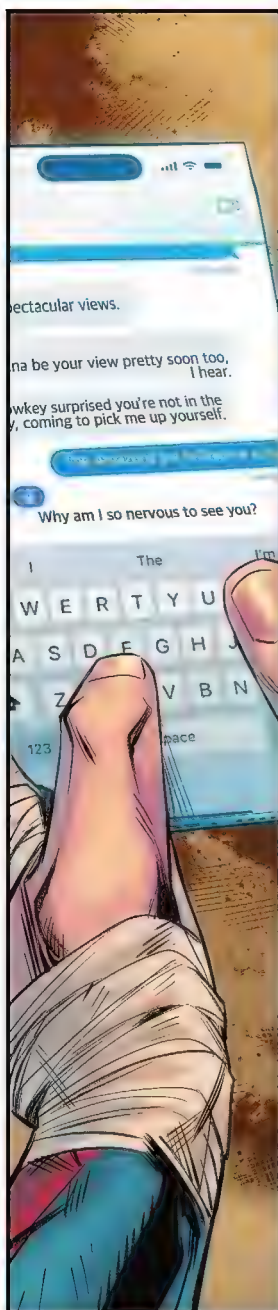
SO IS
NIA.



SHE'S
GONE
TOO.



Jay
I'm here.



 "...SOMETHING
FELT REAL."

**YOU'RE
DEAD!**

**NO!
SHE BROKE
THROUGH!**



THE DREAM
IS FALLING
APART!

NO WONDER
THE AMAZONS CAN'T
SEPARATE THEM! SHE
WAS THE ONLY THING
KEEPING HIM
TOGETHER!

A TRUE
PARASITE.

HOLD ON,
JON! I WON'T
LET YOU FALL
APART!

GAAHHH!

WWIP

WWIP

WHAT ARE
YOU ALL
DOING?

GET UP!
WE HAVE
TO HELP
HIM!

YIELD YOUR
MIND TO ME, SON OF
KRYPTON, AND BECOME
ONE WITH MY FLESH!
WE WILL BE
INSEPARABLE!

MOTHER
WALLER WILL
HAVE HER
WEAPON!

NOT
EVEN IN HER
DREAMS!

WWIP

SNAP SNAP

JON, PLEASE!
I CAN'T HOLD ALL
THE PIECES OF YOU
TOGETHER AND
FIGHT HER.

THEN
DON'T.

JUST
LET IT
END...

SUBMIT
TO ME!

I'M
BEATEN.

SHE'S
ALREADY
WON.

NO!

IT'S TOO MUCH!
I CAN'T...

YES
YOU CAN!

PLEASE.
I KNOW...YOU'RE
CARING, AND SWEET,
AND YOU ALWAYS FIND
ANOTHER WAY TO
SOLVE THE PROBLEM,
BUT RIGHT NOW I NEED
YOU TO FIGHT BACK,
JON KENT!

YOU
HAVE GOT
TO---

...YOU'VE BEEN
FIGHTING...

H-HURT.
PAIN...HELP...

FOR SO
LONG...





BECOME
ME, JONATHAN
KENT!

LET ME
IN.

I'M TIRED,
NIA... I CAN'T
KEEP DOING
THIS.

EVERY TIME
SOMETHING AWFUL
HAPPENS... WHY IS IT
ALWAYS MY FAMILY?
WHY DOES THIS
ALWAYS HAPPEN
TO US?

I CAN'T KEEP--
IT'S THE SAME...
OVER AND OVER
AND OVER
AND--

BANG

BANG

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO HOLD ALL
OF IT IN ALL THE
TIME, THOUGH.

YOU'RE
ALLOWED
TO REST.

MORE THAN
ANYTHING, DREAMS
ARE A HAVEN. YOU
DECIDE WHAT--

SUBMIT
TO ME!

BANG

BANG

BANG

SOB
SOB

I SEE IT...
YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING
FOR YEARS, JUST TO
KEEP YOUR HEAD
ABOVE WATER...

ABOVE
ALL THIS PAIN.
TRAUMA.
LOSS.

HOLDING
IT OVER YOURSELF
LIKE SOME KIND OF
ANVIL... OH, JON, YOU
DON'T DESERVE
THIS...

BANG

SHRPP

SHUK

SNKK

NO!

JON...

...IT'S JUST
A DREAM. YOU ARE
IN CONTROL...

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?

I WANT TO GO BACK TO BEFORE THIS ALL **STARTED**. BEFORE AMANDA WALLER KNOCKED ON YOUR DOOR, NIA.

I WISH YOU HADN'T ANSWERED. I WISH WE'D JUST GOTTEN TO ENJOY THE DAY.*

I WISH YOU'D GOTTEN TO SHOW ME MORE OF YOUR HOME...

*AS SEEN IN ACTION COMICS #1060. --KW

BEHOLD ME! BECOME ME!

NEVER MIND HER. SHE'S NOT EVEN HERE. DON'T PAY HER ANY ATTENTION. WHAT ELSE DO YOU WISH?

I WISH I'D NEVER TRIED YOUR CAPSAICIN HELL-BAGEL.

HMM. NOTED. WHAT ELSE?

I WISH... I WISH YOU HADN'T GONE OFF TO BED...

I WISH I'D GOTTEN TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU...

I WISH WE'D STAYED ON THE ROOF.

I WISH WE'D STAYED UP ALL NIGHT TALKING.

WH-WHAT ELSE?

NO! FEED ME!



I WISH...I'D
HELD YOU. AND
TOLD YOU HOW
AMAZING
YOU--
--WERE.



I WISH I
DIDN'T HAVE TO
SAY *GOODBYE*
AGAIN.



THEN
DON'T.

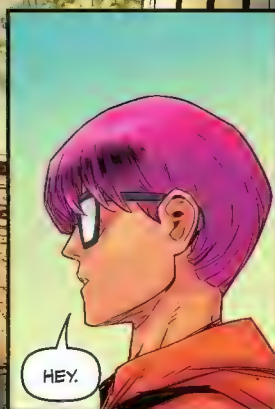
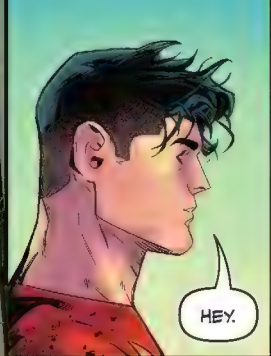
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ARE MAKING
PROGRESS.

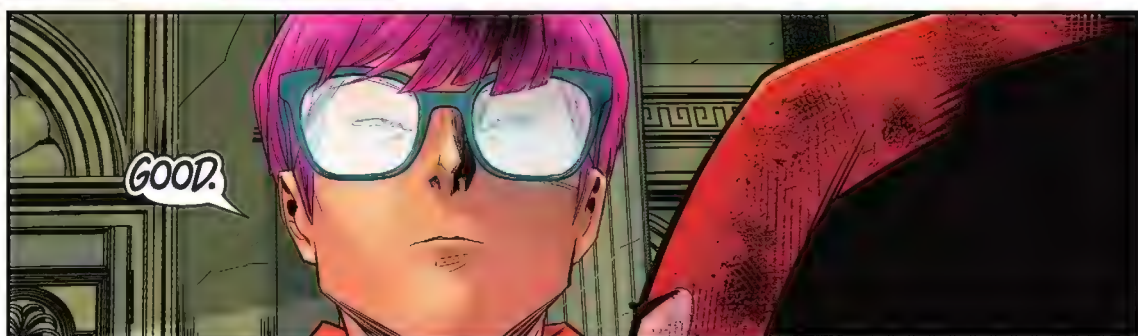
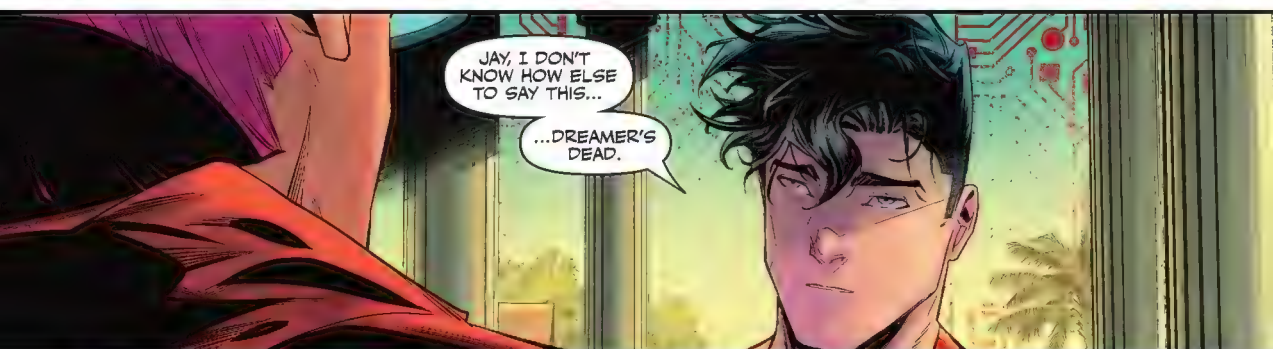
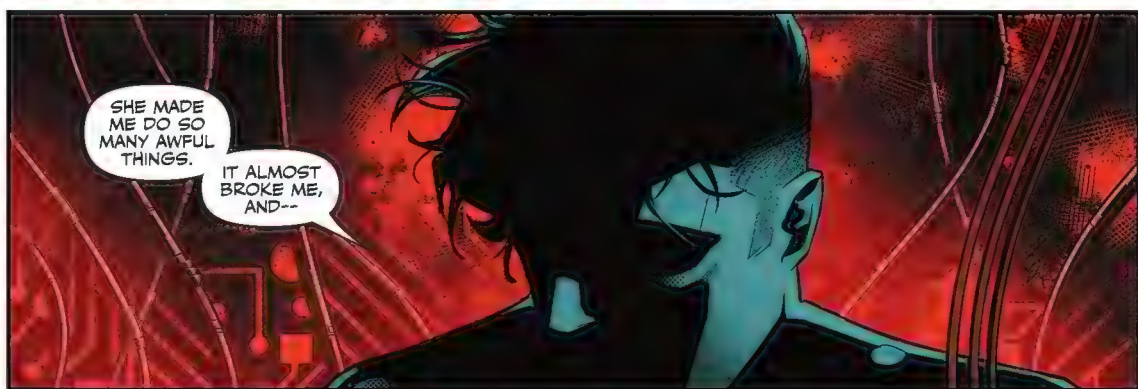
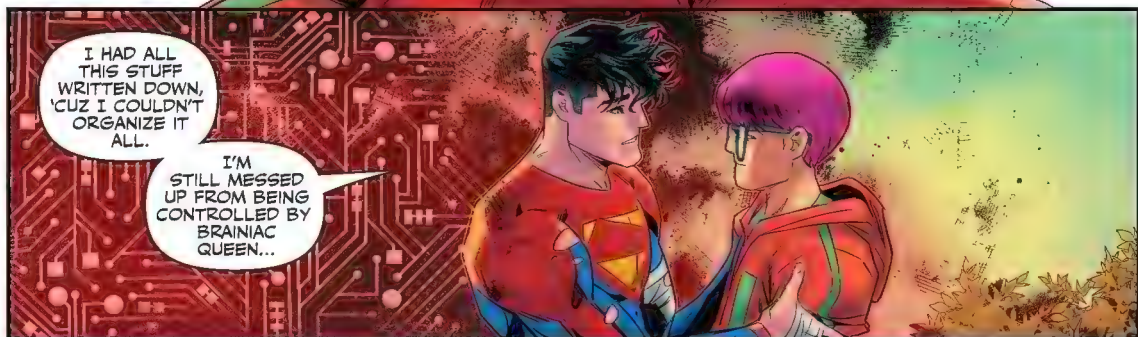


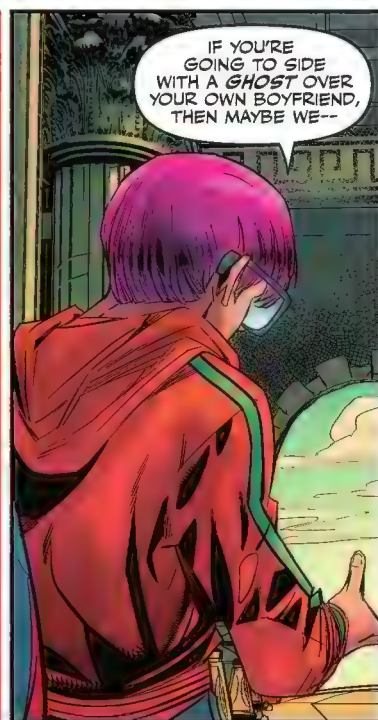
SO JUST
SIT WITH ME
AWHILE.



SWEET
DREAMS,
JON KENT.







WE'VE
BEEN LOSING,
JAY.

OURSELVES.
EACH OTHER.

MY WORST
NIGHTMARE IS
NOT HAVING A
HOME WITH
YOU IN IT.

IF THE WORLD
IS GOING TO KEEP
TEARING MY GUTS OUT,
THEN I WANT TO PUT
UP HALLOWEEN
DECORATIONS FOR
CHRISTMAS.

MOVIE NIGHTS
WHERE YOU PUT
THE CHOCOLATE
CANDY IN THE
POPCORN.

A FRESH
START WHERE
WE TAKE NOTHING
FOR GRANTED.

LET'S MOVE TO
SAN FRANCISCO AND
BUILD A NEW LIFE--
ONE THAT'S OURS...
TOGETHER.

I...



WE'RE SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR REUNION, JONATHAN KENT.

CAN I HAVE ONE MORE SECOND?



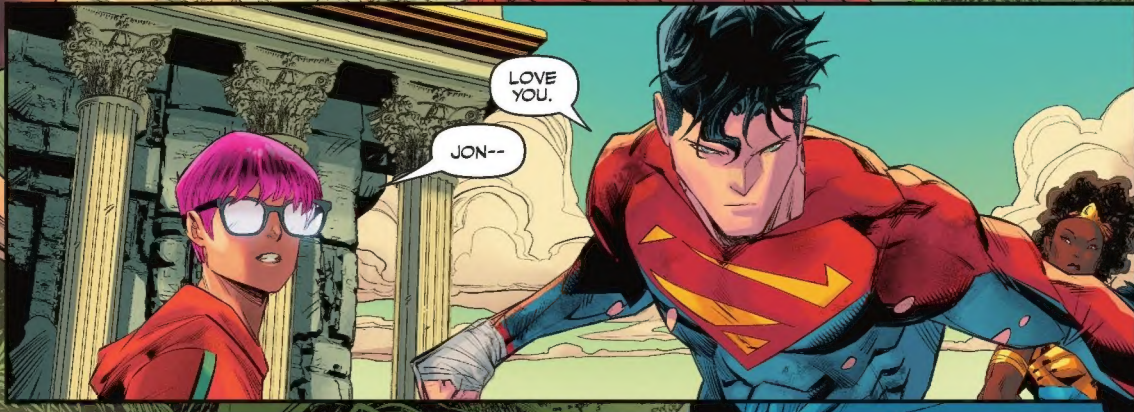
NIGHTWING SENT US WITH A MESSAGE: "YOUR QUARANTINE WAS ALREADY TIME WE DIDN'T HAVE."

"IF THERE'S ANY SHOT AT TAKING WALLER DOWN, IT'S GOT TO BE NOW."



SAVE THE WORLD, THEN SEE WHAT OURS LOOKS LIKE.

SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.

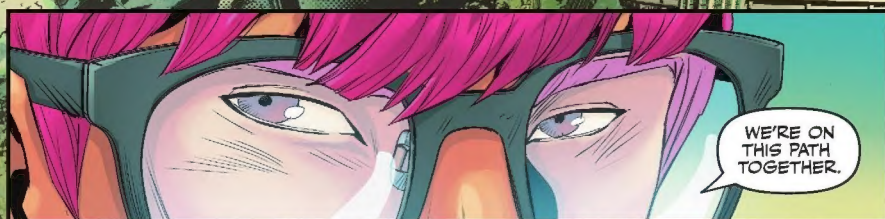


LOVE YOU.

JON--



--WAIT.



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JOKER THE WORLD

This September, the Joker takes his unique brand of madness and mayhem on a world tour in *Joker: The World*, a 184-page hardcover anthology. It's the spiritual successor to *Batman: The World*, the bestselling, critically acclaimed graphic novel released in fall 2021.

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